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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION  
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Application Transmittal Letter

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53 is the patent application of:

Vincent L. Vaillancourt, deceased

entitled: NEEDLE GUARD said application being a Divisional of Serial No. 10/116,776, filed April 4, 2002.

Enclosed with the application are:

1. Specification (12 sheets);
2. Claims ( 1 sheet);
3. Abstract ( 1 sheet);
4. Drawings ( 6 sheets);
5. Declaration of Patricia Vaillancourt, executrix ;
6. Preliminary Amendment
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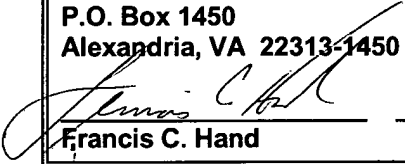
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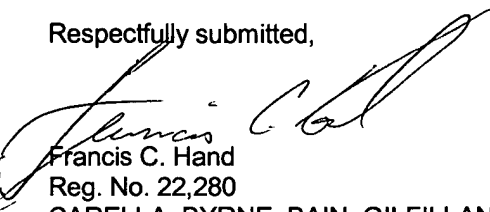
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